

and leader at both state and federal levels, Jack also served as Under Secretary of Labor under President Kennedy and was later appointed as U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand by President Johnson.

With an already impressive and accomplished career behind him, Jack returned to California in 1970 and continued his life-long effort to improve conditions for working Americans. For 26 years Jack served as the executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, representing over 2 million workers.

Jack's leadership in the labor movement had a huge impact on workers across California and the Nation. A friend and colleague of Cesar Chavez, Jack worked alongside the United Farm Workers to pass California's groundbreaking Agricultural Labor Relations Act in 1975, which established the right to collective bargaining for farm workers. Jack went on to fight many successful battles for improvements in worker safety and compensation laws.

Jack's belief in, and dedication to, equal rights was not limited to the labor movement. Jack also fought against ignorance and racial discrimination. As the Regent for the University of California from 1977 to 1989, Jack worked to establish affirmative action policies and encouraged the University to divest from South Africa in protest of the country's support of apartheid.

Jack stood out as a driven organizer and hard worker who cared for his community deeply. Jack will be remembered by his friends and partners in the labor movement as a visionary, a talented orator, and stalwart defender of equal rights. He was a champion for workers everywhere, and he will be sorely missed. We take comfort in knowing that the future of the labor movement will continue to benefit from Jack's dedication for generations to come. We will always be grateful for Jack's example of a steadfast commitment to social and economic justice.

Jack is survived by his five sons, John Jr., Patrick, Brian, Daniel, and Thomas; two daughters, Nancy Goulde and Mary Henning; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. My thoughts are with Jack's family at this difficult time.●

COMMENDING BARKWHEATS DOG BISCUITS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the successful and thriving business of a young and insightful entrepreneur from my home State of Maine whose line of dog treats is truly one of a kind.

Barkwheats Dog Biscuits was founded in 2007 by entrepreneur Chris Roberts. A native of the Bangor area, Mr. Roberts left Maine to attend college and pursue a career as a recording engineer in Nashville. Upon returning to Maine, Mr. Roberts found himself bak-

ing frequently, a skill he developed while a baker at the University of Maine. This gradually led Mr. Roberts to begin baking for his two dogs, Baxter and Sabine, both rescued mixed-breeds. His passion for cooking soon led him to open Barkwheats, and he began making two varieties of all-natural dog biscuits: sea vegetables and chamomile, as well as ginger and parsley, the latter of which provides relief from dogs' bad breath.

In November 2007, Mr. Roberts began selling the biscuits at local farmers markets and organic cooperatives in the midcoast Maine region, near his home in Stockton Springs, as well as online. In very short order, the product gained immense popularity, due in large part to tourists who purchased the biscuits for their dogs. Upon returning home, these people began clamoring for Barkwheats at their local stores. He now ships his biscuits to dozens of pet stores across the country, including as far away as Alaska. Additionally, Barkwheats' products have been featured in newspapers, blogs, and magazines across the country, including Animal Wellness Magazine and ModernDog. To keep up with the demand, Mr. Roberts also purchased a machine that makes 2,300 biscuits per hour!

Barkwheats biscuits are completely organic, and over 95 percent of the ingredients come from local, Maine farmers in neighboring towns and counties. To support the State's economy and ensure that all items are fresh, Mr. Roberts purchases buckwheat from farmers in Union, eggs from Gouldsboro, parsley from Pittsfield, honey from Swanville, and even seaweed from off the Machias coast. Unable to find a farmer who produced ginger locally, he collaborated with Sustainable Harvest International, a Maine company that helps Central American farmers improve their lives while simultaneously restoring tropical forests, to purchase ginger from southern Belize. As a result of its efforts, Barkwheats Dog Biscuits is expected to be named the first Fair Trade Certified pet treat later this summer. Additionally, in an effort to care for the environment, Barkwheats dog biscuits are packed in 100 percent compostable recycled boxes, as well as bags made from wood pulp.

Chris Roberts' tasty treats represent a truly innovative way to combine supporting the local economy and giving pet owners a healthy, gluten-free option for their dogs. I commend Chris Roberts for his innovation and determination, and wish him continued success with his burgeoning business.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 885. An act to elevate the Inspector General of certain Federal entities to an Inspector General appointed pursuant to section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978.

H.R. 1741. An act to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs.

H.R. 2344. An act to amend section 114 of title 17, United States Code, to provide for agreements for the reproduction and performance of sound recordings by webcasters.

H.R. 2675. An act to amend title II of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to extend the operation of such title for a 1-year period ending June 22, 2010.

H.R. 2751. An act to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting automobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1741. To require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and referred as indicated:

S. 1122. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with State foresters authorizing State foresters to provide certain forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2751. An act to accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high polluting automobiles to replace such automobiles with new fuel efficient and less polluting automobiles.